

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Education Professional Standards Board

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EPSB Staff

FROM: Phillip S. Rogers, Executive Director

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SUBJECT: August 2007 EPSB Update

Mission Statement

The Education Professional Standards Board promotes high levels of student achievement by establishing and enforcing rigorous professional standards for preparation, certification, and responsible and ethical behavior of all professional educators in Kentucky.

Code of Ethics Brochures

Approximately 35,000 Code of Ethics brochures have been sent out to the 174 school districts, the 28 Ed Prep institutions, and KEA subdivisions. To access an online version of the Code of Ethics, follow this link: [KY: Education Professional Standards Board - Code of Ethics](#).

Carla Graham in the Division of Legal Services is also scheduling ethics seminars for the Ed Prep institutions and school districts. Currently, ethics seminars are scheduled in August for Murray State University and the Caldwell County Public Schools. These seminars have become a major tool to educate teachers, especially student teachers about to start their careers, on professional responsibility and the Code of Ethics. You can contact Carla at cgraham@ky.gov or via telephone at 502.564.4606 ext 252.

EPSB to be Recognized by NCTAF

The EPSB has been selected to be featured on the NCTAF website and in the NCTAF News Digest as the August State of the Month. The piece will highlight the important work of the EPSB with special attention drawn to the Master's Redesign and the Education Leadership Redesign Task Force. Follow this link to [National Commission on Teaching and America's Future \(NCTAF\) | Resources | State Partnership Network](#).

CEO Portfolio Scoring

There has been a 109% increase in the number of CEO portfolios submitted for scoring since this time last year. In July 2006, 44 CEO portfolios were received and scored. During the July 1-15, 2007 submission window, EPSB has received 92 portfolios to score. Sharon Salsman organized the work and scheduled scorer training on July 23rd.

Also, Jerry DeLuca from ETS met with EPSB staff on July 20th to discuss the issues surrounding the scoring of CEO portfolios. Jerry formerly provided oversight for the scoring of the National Board portfolios conducted by ETS.

Teaching Math and Science

The July 18, 2007 edition of *Education Week* included an article that highlighted Kentucky schools' efforts to improve math and science instruction through the federally funded Appalachian Math Science Partnership. This article will provide excellent background to the plan for preparing math and science teachers we will be presenting to you during the August meeting. You can access the article at: [Education Week: Peer Training Enables Rural Schools to Better Math, Science Teaching](#).

Developmental Education PD Task Force

Education Cabinet Secretary Laura Owens convened the first meeting of the Developmental Education Professional Development Task Force on July 19. The work of this group is in response to the CPE Developmental Education Task Force recommendation to develop high quality professional development for both secondary and post-secondary educators who work with underprepared students.

KEN Executive Committee Meeting

The Kentucky Education Network (KEN) Executive Committee met on July 30. The KEN project, in my opinion, will transform instruction in Kentucky schools. As you know, in 2006 the EPSB joined with KDE and CPE in a joint budget request that will provide vastly improved band-width for school districts so they can access and transmit more effectively from classrooms. As of June 29, 105 districts have a KEN connection. The remainder of the districts should have a KEN connection by the end of this year. While unforeseen by any of us, the KEN project was a major reason those organizations building the Internet2 system made [Louisville one of the 25 locations in the country one can access Internet2](#). This will make it possible for Kentucky schools to participate in the incredible research and development resources available on Internet 2. To gain some idea of the incredible speed of the Internet2 system, the current system operates at 10Gbps. For us non-geeks that is 10 billion bits of data per second or roughly 15,000 times faster than the typical home broadband connection. The new KEN connections will make it possible for our schools to eventually join the Internet2 system. To learn more about Internet2 and Kentucky schools, go to this link: [Kentucky : I2 - Welcome to Internet2](#).

Regulations are Final

[16 KAR 1:030](#) and [16 KAR 9:080](#) were reviewed by the General Assembly's Joint Education Committee on July 19, 2007. 16 KAR 1:030 is the disciplinary regulation which the Board amended to add the drug testing requirements mandated by the KRS 161.175. 16 KAR 9:080 is the new regulation detailing the process for obtaining certification through the alternative certification university-based option. The legislators had a few questions about how the programs function but did not raise any concerns about either the amendment or the new regulation. Both regulations were approved by the committee and went into effect at the completion of the meeting.

Sunday Evening Study Session

We have planned a Sunday evening study session for August 26 prior to our regular Monday EPSB meeting. The focus of the study session will be to gain your input on the development of the 2008-2010 Biennium Budget request. As is our custom, following the study session those who want to join for a meal at Johnny Carino's will meet there at 6:15 p.m.

LEAD/KTIP Trainings

During June and July, representatives from the Certification and PLA Divisions conducted joint trainings in various locations across the state. The focus of the training was to meet with district coordinators for the LEAD process and KTIP to conduct refresher trainings and answer questions about changes in these processes for the upcoming school year. Representing nearly every district in the state, as well as some universities, over 240 people attended these sessions. Evaluations conducted at the end of each session were very positive.

NBPTS National Conference and Hill Day

The NBPTS Conference Hill Day was July 25. Hill Day provides an opportunity for National Board certified teachers to share with Congress their views about being a National Board certified teacher. Five hundred participants were expected to visit all 525 congressional offices this year. Scheduled for July 26-28, the conference included speakers and concurrent sessions, one of which was presented in part by our own Teresa Moore and Cindy Owen.

IECE Test Development.

Activities for developing the IECE test are underway. Jaime Rice has been working with ETS to put together panels of educators to serve on both item development and review committees. July 23rd was the first face-to-face meeting for the IECE test development group.

Troops to Teachers Teacher Orientation

The first Kentucky Troops to Teachers New Teacher Orientation was held at EPSB on July 18, 2007. It was attended by 15 candidates, all of whom have job offers. Attendees received classes and information concerning Code of Conduct, KTIP, student management, KTRS, and career progression. Keynote speaker was Eric Combs, 2006 Ohio Teacher of the Year and a Troops to Teacher participant. Following an overwhelmingly positive response by candidates, plans are being made to hold the event again and possibly expand it next year.

To learn more about the Troops to Teachers program, click here: [EPSB Troops to Teachers Program](#).

KECC Kickoff

EPSB will hold its annual Kentucky Employees Charitable Campaign (KECC) kick-off this month. The EPSB staff has repeatedly shown an Unbridled Spirit of giving year after year. Over the last two years, the staff has raised in excess of \$15,000 with the KECC campaign alone. The Kick-Off will include ice cream sundaes and presentations on how KECC partner agencies have benefited EPSB staff and our community. Our goal for this year's drive is \$7,500.

Meetings, Conferences, Etc.

August 2 – CPE Teacher Summit Planning meeting
August 7 – KTIP TPA training at NKU
August 8 – NKCES meeting
August 8/9 – KBE meeting
August 9 – Title II Monitoring Protocol meeting
August 9 – LEAD opens for districts to use
August 10 – Math Achievement Committee meeting

August 13 – Union College Pre-visit
August 13 – Interim Joint Committee on Education meeting
August 14 – Leadership meeting
August 14 – Accreditation Audit Committee meeting
August 16 – ELDC meeting
August 16 – Ethics Seminar at Murray State
August 16 – SAELP work team meeting
August 22 – WKEC meeting
August 27 – EPSB regular meeting
August 28 – Leadership meeting
August 29 – OVEC meeting
August 29 – Ed Development PD Task Force meeting
August 29 – Georgetown College Pre-visit
August 30 – KTIP University Coordinator’s meeting

FYI: Acronyms and abbreviations:

CEO – Continuing Education Option
CPE – Council on Post-Secondary Education
ELDC – Education Leadership Development Collaborative
IECE – Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education
KACTE – Kentucky Association of Colleges for Teacher Educators
KASA – Kentucky Association of School Administrators
KBE – Kentucky Board of Education
KECC – Kentucky Employee Charitable Campaign
KEDC – Kentucky Education Development Cooperative
KPIP – Kentucky Principal Internship Program
KTIP – Kentucky Teacher Internship Program
LEAD – Local Educator Assignment Data
NASDTEC – National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification
NBPTS – National Board for Professional Teaching Standards
NCTAF – National Commission on Teaching and America’s Future
OVEC – Ohio Valley Education Cooperative
SAELP – State Action for Education Leadership Project
SESC – Southeast South Central Education Cooperative
TPA – Teacher Performance Assessments
VAA – Value-Added Assessment
WKEC – Western Kentucky Educational Cooperative